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Thanks... we definitely want to salvage as much as we possibly can here and this is a great contact.... Would be great to see what Natera could do (hopefully for free). I look forward to talking to you more about this decision in the future,  
Van

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PS. Speak with Natera. I suggest Michael Crainock to see what they might be willing to do.

HH

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On Aug 30, 2023, at 23:44, Morris, Van Karllye <[vkmorris@mdanderson.org](mailto:vkmorris@mdanderson.org)> wrote:

We do have tissue and blood and will salvage this as much as possible as a retrospective analysis... we asked for flexibility with CTEP for a redo and they weren't willing to consider that.. so they said they support pursuing other concepts in this space but it would need to start fresh.... Really a shame...

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On Aug 30, 2023, at 7:27 PM, Howard Hochster <[hh458@cinj.rutgers.edu](mailto:hh458@cinj.rutgers.edu)> wrote:

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Does the NRG tumor bank have tissue and reserve blood samples ? Any chance of a "Mulligan" using Signatera ( if you don't golf, google it).

With the Japanese data I would think Signatera would show a different result. Even if no tissue, but blood samples, maybe we could still obtain tissue on a reasonable subset of those enrolled for a redo?

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On Aug 30, 2023, at 19:06, Morris, Van Karlyle <[vkmmorris@mdanderson.org](mailto:vkmmorris@mdanderson.org)> wrote:

Thanks Howard-

I really appreciate your email, and more importantly I appreciate your commitment to EBM and to science as a doctor treating cancer patients. You have been the best advocate for this study, and this is supported by the fact that you and Pat have the largest accruing site in the US (maybe tied with MD Anderson 😊).

For many reasons, I am in a daze right now with the outcome here, and I too look forward to sharing what we learned. I think there is a LOT to learn not only about science but also about clinical trial conduct, especially since I think we can all recognize that ctDNA testing is here to stay. To that end, I would highly value your wisdom and experience once the data are all out there.

I really appreciate and respect your passion and commitment to GI patients. Take care,  
Van

**From:** Howard Hochster <[hh458@cinj.rutgers.edu](mailto:hh458@cinj.rutgers.edu)>  
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Dear van,

I am really sorry to hear this outcome and I am looking forward to seeing the full presentation of the data.

However, I think this is the result of believing the Guardant PR on the Lunar test that methylation can identify cancer. They have never presented these data. Furthermore, the work they did with Parikh was manipulated over multiple iterations. So I am not surprised.

But I hope this will allow us to move in a more effective direction.

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We found out about this Monday morning from CTEP and had a call with them late last night. We need to discuss with GH how this will be presented, but my guess is that ASCO GI will be the formal data sharing. I would be most interested in hearing your interpretation when you see the findings...

Take care

Van

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**From:** Patrick Boland <[pb564@cinj.rutgers.edu](mailto:pb564@cinj.rutgers.edu)>

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Sorry if you're getting a flood of contacts – I can \*almost\* never make the Tuesday PM meetings. Really sorry to see this about COBRA closing with higher false + rates and not hitting the pre-determined ctDNA cutoff rate. When do you anticipate we will see the actual analyses...?

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